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NEWS

Air Pollution

China Action on Air Pollution Having Impact in Some Cities

One of the most dangerous types of air pollution has been reduced in dozens of Chinese cities after an air pollution crackdown began in late 2013, the government reported....

Air Pollution

Delaware Petitions EPA Over Pennsylvania Coal Plant

Delaware petitioned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency about air pollution from a coal-fired power plant near York, Pa., calling on the federal agency to find the upwind plant in violation of the Clean Air Act and require the facility...

Air Pollution

Ferroalloy Air Standards Under Reconsideration by EPA

The Environmental Protection Agency is reopening its national air pollution standards for the ferroalloy production sector in response to requests by Felman Production LLC and Eramet Marietta Inc....

Budget

Groups Criticize EPA Funding Bill Ahead of Floor Vote

Conservation groups, environmental lobbyists and workers rights advocates pushed lawmakers in recent days to strip dozens of controversial riders from legislation (H.R. 5538) that would fund the Environmental Protection Agency and Interior...

Climate Change

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Climate Harm 'Inevitable,' More Cuts Needed, Holdren Says

Some harms from climate change are "inevitable," and additional emissions reductions will be necessary even after the historic Paris climate change agreement reached in 2015, a top White House science adviser said July 11. ...

Climate Change

Cloud Cover Shift Ominous Sign of Climate Change

When politicians talk of climate "uncertainty," they're often casting doubt on things that are well understood: Warming is happening, and humans are responsible. When scientists talk about climate uncertainty, they're...

Climate Change

Democrats Launch Push Against Corporate Climate Denial

Congressional Democrats will dedicate much of their time in the week before lawmakers leave for a seven-week summer break to drawing attention to how the fossil fuel industry, in their view, orchestrated and funded a complex effort to cast...

Climate Change

Fossil Fuel Firms Risk Losing \$33 Trillion to Climate Change

The fossil fuel industry risks losing \$33 trillion in revenue over the next 25 years as global warming may drive companies to leave oil, natural gas and coal in the ground, according to a Barclays Plc energy analyst....

Climate Change

Leaders Urged to Link Climate Change, Health

Just telling the public about global warming is unlikely to teach them much, but linking its effects directly to their health could get the message across, said speakers at a World Health Organization conference in Paris....

Climate Change

Transportation Carbon Emissions Surpass Energy Sector

The U.S. transportation sector has surpassed the energy sector in carbon emissions for the first time in more than 30 years, the Energy Department reported July 11....

Climate Regulation

Final Rule Targeting HFC Emissions Sent to White House

The White House Office of Management and Budget began its review July 8 of a final regulation (RIN: 2060-AS51) that would expand Section 608 of the Clean Air Act to bar the deliberate venting, release or disposal of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)...

Coal Mining

Appeals Court Lets Stand Water Act Permit for W.Va. Mine

A West Virginia coal mine's dredge-and-fill permit was allowed to stand July 8, after a federal appeals court turned down arguments that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had issued it without fully considering the mine's effects on...

Energy

N.Y. Proposes \$965 Million for Nuclear Plants

New York state would provide some \$965 million in subsidies over two years to help support struggling nuclear power plants as part of a proposed Clean Energy Standard being considered by the Public Service Commission....

Environmental Justice

EPA Back to the Settlement Table in Civil Rights Suit

The Environmental Protection Agency will be back in settlement talks with civil rights advocates at a federal court's bidding, despite the agency's assertion that a second round of negotiations over decade-old civil rights complaints...

EPA

'No Plans' for EPA Top Brass to Leave Agency Early

There are no plans for top Environmental Protection Agency officials, including Administrator Gina McCarthy, to leave before the end of the Obama administration, a spokeswoman told Bloomberg BNA July 11. ...

International Climate

Brexit Threatens to Derail EU Plan for National Climate Goals

The U.K. vote to leave the European Union risks stoking a bitter fight among EU governments over sharing the burden of pollution cuts in the transport, farm and building industries, potentially weakening the bloc's leadership in the...

Oil & Gas

California Proposes Rules for Natural Gas Storage Fields

More stringent construction standards for wells are among new requirements for natural gas storage fields included in a regulatory proposal by California oil and gas officials....

Pesticides

EU Panel Agrees on Glyphosate Use Limitations

A European Union regulatory committee July 11 set conditions on the use in the bloc of pesticide products based on the widely used herbicide glyphosate....

Radioactive Waste

Bill Provides \$100M to Cities Housing Nuke Plants

Rep. Robert Dold (R-Ill.) decried federal inaction on a permanent site for managing nuclear waste July 11 and called for legislation that would appropriate up to \$100 million annually to compensate communities serving as "de facto spent...

Recycling

Case on EPA's Solid Waste Rule to be Argued in October

The country's top appeals court is set to hear oral arguments Oct. 25 in litigation contesting the Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 definition of solid waste rule (Am. Petroleum Inst. v. EPA, D.C. Cir., 09-1038, 10/21/16)....

Renewable Energy

Study: British Columbia Glacier Melt Could Hurt Hydro Power

British Columbia should not rely on hydroelectric generation after mid-century, when run-off from the region's melting glaciers will likely peak and electricity demand from rising temperatures will increase, according to a Pacific...

Trade

G-20 Ministers Seek End Game for Environmental Goods Pact

A multi-billion dollar agreement to cut tariffs on an array of environmental products made headway during this weekend's group of 20 (G-20) trade ministerial meeting in Shanghai when officials agreed to pursue completion of the deal....

Trade

Leaked Proposal Seeks End of Restrictions on LNG Exports

A leaked European text in U.S.-EU trade talks calls for eliminating restrictions on natural gas exports....

Water Pollution

N.Y. Plans Hearings on PFOA Contamination

Both houses of the New York State Legislature will hold hearings in the next two months on the state's response to local water contamination with perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), adding another level of scrutiny to how the administration...

SPECIAL REPORT

Environmental Justice

Critics Say Flint Complaint Reflects Systemic EPA Issues

When Rhonda "Rho" Kelso learned that her drinking water was contaminated with a potential carcinogen, the Flint, Mich., resident said she sent an e-mail to the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Civil Rights....

Environmental Justice

Flint Crisis Warrants EPA Civil Rights Review: Attorneys

The water crisis that wreaked havoc on Flint, Mich., this past year has raised questions about how decisions that resulted in high concentrations of lead fouling residential tap water may have had a race-based discriminatory impact....

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